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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SIGNALLING METHODS FOR INITIAL VOICE SWITCH NETWORK (IVSN)

STATE 283839

SUMMARY: MISSION HAS LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT NICSMA INTENDS TO MAKE CCITT NO. 6 THE BASIS FOR IVSAN COMMON-CHANNEL SIGNALLING SPECIFICATION. HOWEVER, BIDDERS MAY DEVIATE BY DEMONSTRATING ADEQUACY OF ALTERNATIVES. ON FEB 18, NICSMA WILL BRIEF NATIONS ON THE ADOPTED APPROACH. MISSION REQUESTS CONCURRENCE IN A COURSE OF ACTION TO ASSURE ACCEPTABILITY TO THE US OF THE NICSMA APPROACH.  
END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION TRANSMITTED INFORMATION IN STATE 283839 TO NICSMA, AND USDCFO HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH NICSMA IN DEVELOPING SPECIFICATIONS FOR COMMON-CHANNEL SIGNALLING IN IVSN. GERMAN NATIONAL EXPERT ALSO HAS PARTICIPATED WITH NICSMA. MISSION INFORMALLY HAS LEARNED THAT NICSMA INTENDS TO USE CCITT NO. 6 AS BASIS FOR SPECIFICATION BUT WILL REQUIRE (I.E., MAKE MANDATORY) ONLY THOSE PROVISIONS WHICH NICSMA CAN JUSTIFY SO DESIGNATING. DEVIATIONS FROM CCITT NO. 6 WILL BE ALLOWED IF THE BIDDER CAN  
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DEMONSTRATE THAT HIS DEVIATION IS A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A BIDDER CAN SHOW THAT 1200 BITS PER SECOND IS ADEQUATE FOR THE SIGNALLING CHANNEL, NICSMA WILL ACCEPT THIS BIT RATE. MISSION ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL NATIONAL EXPERTS

WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN FINAL WRITING OF THE ACTUAL SPECIFICATIONS.

2. NICSMA WILL BRIEF THE JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS WORKING GROUP (JCEWG) AND WORKING GROUP 18 ON THE ADOPTED SIGNALLING METHODS AT A JOINT MEETING ON FEB 18, 1975. WE HAVE INDICATIONS THAT NICSMA WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PRESENT ACTUAL SPECIFICATION WORDING BUT WILL GENERALIZE ON THE TECHNICAL APPROACH AND SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. P&P COMMITTEE ACTION ON IVSN FUND RELEASE DEPENDS IN PART ON WORKING GROUP 18 RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING THIS BRIEFING.

3. MISSION REQUESTS CONCURRENCE IN FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION:

A. IF NICSMA BRIEFING ON FEB 18 IS OVERLY GENERAL, US REP WILL ASK FOR SPECIFIC CONTENT OF SPECIFICATIONS.

B. UNLESS ALL CONDITIONS AND FEATURES PROPOSED IN REF ARE INCLUDED, US WILL WITHHOLD AGREEMENT UNTIL THE DEVIATIONS ARE EVALUATED. IN THIS CASE, MISSION WILL SEND TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO WASHINGTON FOR EVALUATION BY US GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL EXPERTS.

4. FYI: CANADA PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE ON LEADING US CANDIDATE CONTRACTORS RETAINING STRONG COMPETITIVE POSITIONS SINCE CANADA HOPES TO WIN SUB-CONTRACTS. MISSION BELIEVES CANADA WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN US MOVES TO ASSIST US INDUSTRY IN WINNING THIS CONTRACT. END FYI. BRUCE

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